

COMBINED DECLARATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

I, a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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the specification of which (check one) [X] is attached hereto [] was filed on _____
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(if applicable)

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

		Priority Claimed	
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8-85193	JAPAN	8 April 1996	[X] []
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8-154087	JAPAN	14 June 1996	[X] []
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any U.S. application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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